



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, child abuse is a community problem and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, approximately 3 million children are reported abused and neglected in this country each year and almost 8,000 were reported last year in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities and need to be addressed by the entire community; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among families, social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should become more aware of the negative effects of child abuse and its prevention within their communities and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, several statewide and community-based organizations, including the Exchange Club, the Independent Order of Foresters and the Idaho Children's Trust Fund have as their purpose to prevent child abuse and neglect in our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2005, to be

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on twenty-sixth day of January in the year of our Lord two-thousand and five and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Ysursa in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN YSURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE